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LOGAN COUNTY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Gregory Bruce Adkins, 53, of Chapmanville, Logan County, West Virginia, pleaded guilty today in federal court before United States District Judge John T. Copenhaver, Jr. to illegal possession of a firearm. Following a domestic dispute on November 12, 2010, Adkins was arrested by members of the West Virginia State Police in Logan County. At the time of the arrest, police recovered a pistol from Adkins' vehicle. Adkins admitted that the pistol had been converted to a fully automatic firearm. Law enforcement conducted a test fire of the pistol and, it in fact functioned as a fully automatic firearm. Adkins gave a statement to officers and admitted that the pistol was his and that he had converted it to operate as a fully automatic firearm. The pistol was not registered to Adkins in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

Adkins faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine when he is sentenced on September 14, 2011.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime in the United States by networking existing local programs targeting gun crime. The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia established "Hard Time for Gun Crime," which is a community-based initiative in conjunction with Project Safe Neighborhoods to reduce and prevent gun violence throughout southern West Virginia. "Hard Time for Gun Crime" is a partnership that includes the cooperation of neighborhood associations, social service and law enforcement agencies.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Assistant United States Attorney Monica Dillon is in charge of the prosecution.

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HUNTINGTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL DRUG AND COUNTERFEITING CHARGES

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Jamar D. Stubblefield, 22, of Huntington, pleaded guilty today in federal court before United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers to distribution of a quantity of cocaine base and selling, exchanging, transferring, or delivering counterfeit Federal Reserve Notes. Stubblefield admitted that on or about July 14, October 12 and November 18, 2010, he sold quantities of cocaine base to an undercover agent working with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). These drug transactions all occurred at a retail store that was located in Huntington. Stubblefield further admitted that on or about January 10, 2011, he sold approximately \$2,730 in counterfeit Federal Reserve Notes to an informant working for the United States Secret Service and the Huntington Police Department.

Stubblefield faces up to 40 years in prison and a \$1.25 million fine when he is sentenced on October 17, 2011.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), United States Secret Service and the Huntington Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Hanks is in charge of the prosecution.

This case is being prosecuted as part of a yearlong undercover operation that targeted illegal drugs and firearms crimes in the Huntington area. The operation was led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and assisted by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Huntington Police Department, and various other law enforcement agencies. It was announced to the public in March after a grand jury returned indictments against 55 defendants.

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